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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
for Garland Hagen

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Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SAAG'S 1996/97 THROUGH 1998/99 FTIP

Your December 16, 1996, letter documented your approval of the Stanislaus Area Association of Governments' (SAAG) 1996/97 through 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and requested that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this program for inclusion in the Federal Statewide Transportation Program (FSTIP).

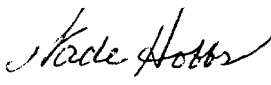
This letter constitutes FHWA's and FTA's joint conditional approval of SAAG's FY 1996/97 through 1998/99 FTIP and its inclusion into the State of California's FSTIP. The SAAG 1996/97 through 1998/99 FTIP is conditionally approved until March 31, 1997. Final approval is conditioned upon SAAG working with the appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies to reconcile discrepancies between revenues and programmed dollars in the local highways and transit elements. We find that this program of projects was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 1607).

This letter also constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA air quality conformity redetermination for SAAG's 1996 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 1996/97 FTIP. This U.S. Department of Transportation conformity determination is made in accordance with the Transitional Phase of the conformity procedures of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA) as provided within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) final rule on transportation conformity (40 CFR Part 51 and 93), as amended on November 14, 1995.

While this letter constitutes approval and inclusion of the SAAG FTIP in to the FSTIP, it is done with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects contained in the SHIP, are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie T. Rogers  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

  
for Dave Densmore  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration